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1. During the year 1951, considerable work was completed on the fortification of the Yugoslav border facing Bulgaria in the Dimitrovgrad sector. These fortifications have been built primarily along the length of communication lines such as railroad lines and main highways. Military authorities maintained strict security controls in this area during the construction of these fortifications. The actual construction sites were restricted. Local citizens were warned that any special interest taken by them in the fortifications would be cause for immediate arrest. Military men assigned to work projects were given strict directives that they were not to speak of the work when they went into towns and villages after duty hours.
2. Along the road and rail line from Dimitrovgrad to Pirot many trenches were dug and bunkers built. The trenches usually extended several kilometers in depth from the highway or railroad line. The trenches were primarily for infantry use and include prepared machine-gun emplacements. There were also a number of artillery positions.
3. A short distance from Pirot, in the direction of Dimitrovgrad, a trench of about 7 meters in width was dug. This trench ran perpendicular to the railroad line and appears to be a tank trap. Its length and depth are not known.
4. An especially large number of bunkers was dug along the road leading to Babusnica from the border. Certain parts of this sector were also mined.
5. About five or six kilometers from Bela Palanka in the direction of Nis large rock-cutting and crushing machines were at work during the past year. It was reported that these machines were crushing and cutting rock for the construction of artillery and infantry installations.

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